REMARKS

With the above amendments, the specification has been amended to incorporate the International and European priority applications by reference. Original claims 1-37 have been cancelled and claims 38-42 have been added. New claims 38-79 correspond to the claims as amended in the International Preliminary Examination Report but have been placed in better form for examination.

Accordingly, it is believed that the application is in good condition for examination.

The below-signed attorney for applicants welcomes any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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